

Dear Members of the Government and Administrations Election Committee,

Please support **SB 184** and **HB 5262**. Absentee ballot voting helps increase voter access to the ballot box and is also a matter of public health and safety during the Covid pandemic.

SB184 proposes an extension of the absentee ballot covid option through November 2022 elections. It is a wise decision. It allows those who have compromised health, and those who are particularly vulnerable to Covid, the freedom to vote safely.

HB5262 would help ensure that voters are not denied their freedom to vote because they are caring for someone who they are unable to leave alone.

**HB5262** would also bring the state statute into alignment with the language in the Ct. State Constitution removing any contradictions or ambiguities created by the inconsistency between the statute and the Constitution.

Thank you for supporting our freedom to vote.

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